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Department of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service

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OR would you believe, one copy of issue 82 of The BRUTUS BULLETIN ?

From the Commissioner

This package contains Form 1040, related forms and schedules, and the instructions needed to complete them. Before starting Form 1040, please check to see if you can file Form 1040A instead. See page 3 of the Instructions—"Which Form to File".

Most of the lines on the form are the same as last year. See **Highlights for 1980** on page 2 for a brief summary of important reminders.

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Commissioner of Internal Revenue

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Yes, it's that time again. Time for taxes, and time for another BRUTUS BULLETIN. I hadn't planned to run another so soon myself, but I find once again that the amount of stuff here represents a full issue and then some. The trick cover allows me to go to 23 pages aside from it instead of the usual 22 limit; still, I have 3½ pages of late letters and nonsense to carry over, and that after reducing 4 pages of Palter's letter to 1 sheet. Included with this issue is a reprint of an "article" that appeared in the fake RETALIATION attributed to me; the facts about Don Nickles are essentially correct at least. Aside from letters, I finally got Konrad Baumeister's beer review retyped, and it appears here. Another review, this of 'Liberal programs' by Brad Wilson, is also carried over; there would be too much politics in this otherwise. We also have what I'd have to call a semi-serious item from our anonymous "The Sleaze" spouting some rather strange positions. See what you think.

Now, since this is the last page being typed, here are some late-breaking stories. First, folds. Tony Watson's RURITANIA will fold after one or two more issues; according to RURI #73, this after 6+ years. Tony will finish his games, or transfer them later if he finds he cannot. RURI was always a sci fi oriented zine of legible ditto, and will be missed. I can understand its closing though, since it has been running more and more lethargically of late. Canadian zines, typically, are suffering even worse: the latest PASSCHENDAELE lists these 1980 deaths: Ram, Assorted Garbage, Citadelle Toronto Telegram, and Cameleon a Binoculaires, plus probably Power and the Glory, and Kobold. I'll take Francois' word, since TT was the only one of the group I subscribed to or traded for. Over the past few years I have noticed this pattern of Canadian zines: a few old stalwarts, RUNESTONE and FOL SI FIE go on; half a dozen new ones start each year; all usually come out as fairly interesting except the warehouse RUNESTONE; and all collapse within a year except the core zines that were around the year before. Between the excessive casualty rate and the atrocious Canadian postal service, it's just not worth it.

- ✓ MARK BERCH DEPT #1: It is warming up a little bit here, with 60 degree days and bothersome high-2Ds nights. The good news is that we had a trace of moisture, the first since that one early snowfall I mentioned last November. No real rain, mind you, but some overnight dews heavy enough to make the ground damp, and some random clouds to keep it from drying out fast. In addition, a couple of clouds passing by left some mist on windshields if you looked fast enough. Aside from that, not a trace of snow, sleet, or rain since — hell, I can't recall!
- ✓ MARK BERCH DEPT #2: Did you think that the latest DIPLOMACY DIGEST #42 was real? I didn't. It was a very interesting issue I thought, even though a lot of it was reprinted straight from here (BB), but the incredible number of typos and "cont'd-on-page-18-bottom" items made me figure it was a fake. (Oh, and the poor Xeroxing of the cover and different stapling as well). I called Mark and got an evasive response. I guess he's in on it. Who will we blame this one on? Linsey? Rodriguez? I'm tired of using Masters, altho I always think of him first.
- ✓ JOHN BOARDMAN sent a bundle of third class GRAUSTARKS toward my subscription to that zine. Among the usual to be found there was a statement that Blackjack Masters had written JB and claimed to be black (!) and complained of how Linsey's fake BB#69 was hate literature to drive him out of the hobby or some such; just incredible. You guys should just leave JB alone, although from his later remarks, he is starting to realize that you are just trying to have a laugh at his expense. Other items included the usual predictions of how all our hostages will be murdered, how Imperial America will wreak terrible destruction on Iran, and other typical stuff. Does make for a change of pace anyway. . .
- ✓ CANADIAN SUBSCRIBERS have to receive their issues in an envelope, since they won't accept free-folded stuff the way Can.'s send their zines here, so since I am overweight with an envelope, I think I'll have to drop a sheet from your issues. I'll tuck it into some later mailing for you guys. Cut will be either some filler item or, more likely, my own game results. We'll see. Send any complaints to Trudeau. (He's back in power now, isn't he?)
- ✓ ADOLF EICHMAN DEPT.: Had Eichmann had the reasoning of an ayatollah, he could have offered as his defense something like this: "How terrible of you Jews to be so ungrateful for the free room and board, and free travel across half of Europe we gave so many of you.."

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IT BEGAN IN THE BALKANS; LOOKS LIKE IT MAY ALL END THERE.

Winter, 1913: English A Bel r PIC, F Tun r OTB; Germany builds A BER, will play one short; Turkey builds A SMY

SPRING, 1914:

ENGLAND (Osuch): F Mid-NAT; F Tyn-WES; A PIC S A Mar-Bur; A MAR-Bur; A BUR-Mun; F ENG-Nth; F LON-Yor; F CLY-Edi

GERMANY (Howe): F Nwy-NWG; A HOL-Yor; F NTH C, F EDI S A Hol-Yor; F DEN S F Nth; A BEL-Pic; A MUN-Tyo; A BOH S A Mun-Tyo; A BER-Mun; A Kie-RUH; A SEV-Arm; A Gal-RUM; A UKR S A Gal-Rum; A Rum-BUD; A VIE S A Rum-Bud

TURKEY (McCarty): A Smy-ARM; F BLA S A Smy-Arm; A BUL-Rum; A SER-Bud; A TRI S A Ven-Tyo; A VEN-Tyo; A ROM-Ven; F Adr-ALB; F ION H; F NAP-Rom

The concession and the draw both failed. There are no new proposals. FALL, 1914 will be due with my mail received at home WEDNESDAY, January 14, 1981. Press follows.

LON-CON: Answer to how one says "Go to hell" in Okie: "Trust me, y'all, trust me".

CON-LON: "Trust"—IN DIPLOMACY?! You deserve to lose!

CON-BER: How many Okies does it take to equal the IQ of an Aggie?

LON-CON: Dave, here are instructions for our newly formed "alliance":

1. Attach my strings
2. Send me my orders
3. Win game (maybe)

CHICAGO-CLYDE: Those were NOT sea lions! They were Chicago Bear cheerleaders on a goodwill tour of England.

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MUNICH FALLS TO CLEVER TACTICS (OR GOOD LUCK) IN WHAT IS NOT THE WORLD'S MOST EAGERLY-AWAITED GAME...

Summer, 1909: English A Gal r BOH

FALL, 1909:

ENGLAND (Reese): F Nwg-NTH; A GAS-Mar; A Bel-BUR; A PAR S A Bel-Bur; F WES-Lyo; F Mid-POR; F Nth-BEL; A RUH S A Ber-Mun; A Ber-MUN; F KIE-Ber; F GOB-Lvn; F STPsc-Lvn; A Boh-Tyo/ann.; F Iri-MID

FRANCE (Columbo): A PIE-Mar; F TUN-Wes; F TUS-Lyo; A PIC-Par; A PRU-Ber; A Mun H/ann.; A TYO S A Mun

TURKEY (Guajardo): A Gal-BOH; A VIE S A Gal-Boh; A Ukr-WAR; A War-SIL; A Arm-SEV; A Bul-SER; A TRI S French A Tyo; A Rum-BUD; F ADR S A Tri; F APU & F AEG S F Alb-Ion; F Ion-TYN

COA: Steve Columbo, to 129 Woodward Ave, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario P6A 3T6 (Altho by now he may well have moved again...)

1909:

E: Home Nwy Swe Den Bel Hol Kie Ber StP Bre Spa Par MUN POP

16 1 ann., +3

F: Mar ~~for~~ ~~Mun~~ Ven Rom Nap Tun

5 1 ann., -1

T: Home Bul Ser Gre Rum Bud Sev Mos War Vie Tri

13 even

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CONT'D

I can see we're all on the edge of our seats for this one. I missed the note on the calendar for this one, and until Saturday's mail, no one thought to even mention the game... Oh, well. Let's see winter, 1909, and Spring, 1910 with my mail received at home MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1981. Last turn's Turkish orders had a small typo in them: the order A Sev-RUM should have read A Ser-RUM.

THERE ARE CALLS FOR AN ET DRAW AND AN EFT DRAW. NVR WILL COUNT AS A YES. IF BOTH PASS, THE EFT WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE. You MAY submit draw votes saying things such as "No to the EFT, yes to the ET, unless that blocks all of them, in which case I will change my no to a yes" or other such contortions. I will do my best to figure them out.

If your results are not in by 10 days after the deadline, please drop me a card (in the US). I really am not as irresponsible as the running of this game has made me appear, and would appreciate, not resent, any prodding/inquiries/etc.

Press:

CON-LON: Sticks and stones mean break my bones,
but a draw beats your offer of 2d place.

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KING'S OWN ROYAL HIGHLANDERS SEE SEVEN PROVINCES IN
ONE SEASON! PAPAL POWER PERCHES PRECARIOUSLY AS E-G
IGNORE EACH OTHER. SO FAR.

Winter, 1911: Germany builds A MUN; Italy builds A NAP; Turkey retreats F Smv-AEG, A Ank OTB
SPRING, 1912:

ENGLAND (Blant): A Edi-TUS; F NTH, ENG, MID, WES, LYO C A Edi-Tus; F TUN H;
A NAF S F Tun; F NAT, NWG H; A MOS-Ukr; F Bar-STPnc

GERMANY (Cummings): A Mun-BOH; A HOL, F DEN H; A UKR-Rum; A GAL S A Vie-Bud; A Vie-BUD; A Boh-VIE; A Tyo-Tri/d/r Mun, Otb; A Mar-PIE

ITALY (Grabar): A Bud-Rum/d/r Ser, Otb; F ROM S F Tyn; F TYN S F Ion-Tun; F ION-Tun; A Ven-TYO; A TRI S A Ven-Tyo; A Nap-APU, A Ser-RUM, F AEG-Aeg

RUSSIA (Kirchner): A Sev-RUM; F BLA S A Sev-Rum

TURKEY (Pecker): F AEG-Ion!

Ah, nothing like a good fight to keep up interest. For a game as long as this (a normally annoying process for a GM), it manages to retain a considerable degree of interest. If the E-G alliance holds together, it appears that Italy's valiant fight may have less chance than Turkey's of survival this season, altho 1 F Aeg next to 4 supply centers is not entirely without hope either. This year should certainly see the beginning of the end, unless we see a renewal of action via an EG/GE stab or some such. Worth watching.

Let's see what Fall, 1912 looks like with my mail received at home FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1981. Press follows.

AEG: Ain't we got fun.

ROM: Well! Well! Well! I think we will now see an E/G WAR! I would love an ally!

KERRY BLUNT: Hey, Kirt Cher Pecker and Grabyer Cummings.

LON: Let's see, Cumming is Ger. and---what! Mark is Ger., wow!! I can't believe it, oh boy, goody goody, my first chance to cross game---thanks John, I've never had a chance to crossgame before. Now if Brux or Mark don't kick me out of the hobby---would 2 2-way draws bring on ugly rumor and suspicion---maybe a win for both of us would look better. What do you think? What to do?

TURKEY-ITALY: Oh please allow me to survive, oh Great One. I'll do anything (PS This grovelling is your fault, Eric. I shall never forgive you for duping me).

HEY J.M.: What's with you GMs lately? Going for the Guinness Book for most players run out of the Hobby? There just ain't no nice guys left to play under.

((Not cheaply, anyway. McLendon has openings now; he's established. I don't recall others offhand, though you might check MM and/or the list in BB81. Some of these new zines could be goodies; LS is already full.

Check out BORN TO DIP or either/both my GGM openings.))) J.M.

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YOR, TYO, NWG CHANGE HANDS. LOTS OF FIGHTING,
BUT NOT MUCH ELSE REALLY HAPPENS...

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FALL, 1914:

ENGLAND (Osuch): F Wes-MID; A BUR-Bel; A PIC & F ENG S A Bur-Bel; F LON-Nth;
A MAR-Bur; F Nat-NWG; F CLY S F Nat-Nwg

GERMANY (Howe): F Nwg-NTH; F DEN S F Nwg-Nth; F Nth-YOR; F EDI-Cly; A Mun-TYO;
A VIE-Tri; A RUM-Ser; A BUD S A Rum-Ser; A SEV H; A UKR S A Sev;
A BEL H; A HOL & A RUH S A Bel; A Ber-MUN

TURKEY (McCARTY): A ARM-Sev; F BLA S A Arm-Sev; A BUL-Rum; A SER S A Tri-Bud;
A TRI-Bud; F ALB S F Ven-Tri; A VEN-Tri; A Rom-TUS; F Nap-APU;
F Ion-ADR

1914:

E: Lon Lvp Par Mar Bre Por Spa Tun	8	even
G: Home Hol Bel Den Nwy Swe Mos War StP Sev		
Bud Vie Rum Edi	16	even
T: Home Bul Ser Gre Nap Rom Ven Tri	<u>10</u>	even
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There is a call for an EGT draw. Please vote with your Spring, 1915 orders, which will be due with my mail received here WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1981. NVR will count as a YES. Press follows:

LON-CON: It's not over yet. Keep the faith, baby.

CON-BER: Der Kaiser seems to be friendless. Maybe some Ban roll-on might help.

LON:...And then there was the time Dave Perlmutha's father brought a gorilla home.

Taken aback, Mrs. P. asked "Where will we put him?", to which the old barber replied "He'll stay in the house, with us" "Where will he eat?", she asked.

"He'll eat at the table, with us", was the reply. "Where will he sleep then?" she queried, to which Mr. Perlmutha again replied "With us." "But what about the smell?", she whined, now visibly perturbed. "Don't worry", he replied, "if I got used to it, so will he."

CON-BER: Answer to last week's quiz: Unknown. No Okie has been found with an attention span long enough to take an IQ test.

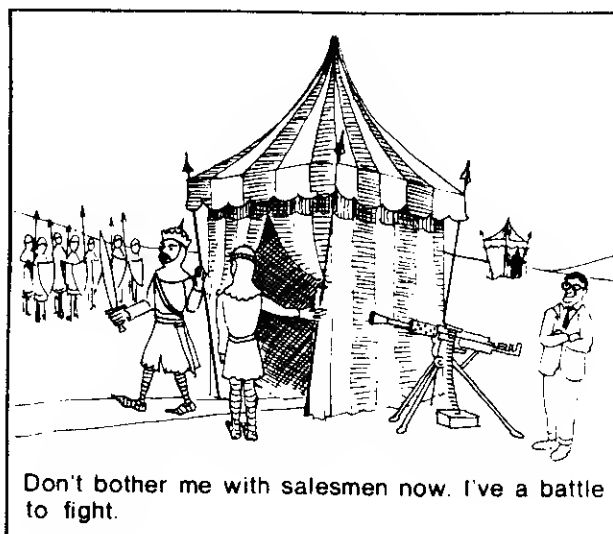
CON-LON & BER: There was a Kaiser named Howe

Who wants to win the game now.

But he's lied so many times

And committed such crimes

Fifteen centers is all we'll allow!



WARNING NOTE

One Larry Peery et.al.
are advertising a revived
zine called XENOGGIC.
Do not send any money
to this group. They have a
record of failing to come
through with the goods.
See ST GEORGE or GRAUSTAK
for more details.

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THE PERILS OF PAULINA
(as featured in the
Brutus Bulletin)

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NOTHING TO REPORT

Fall 1909:

AUSTRIA (Fuchs): A UKR S TURKISH A War; A TYO-Mun; A SIL S A Tyo-Mun;
A BOH S A Sil; A PIE-Mar; A Nap-ROM

FRANCE (Howe): F MID H; F POR S F Mid; A MAR H; A GAS S A Mar

GERMANY (Kirchner): A Lon-BEL; F NTH C A Lon-Bel; F ENG S FRENCH F Mid;
A STP S A Lvn; A LVN S A Pru-War; A PRU-war; A BER-Sil;
A MUN S A Ber-Sil; A KIE & A RUH S A Mun; F BAL pillages
Swedish coast in frustration (H)

ITALY (CD): Has no units

TURKEY (Mooney): F WES-Mid; F NAF & F SPA(sc) S F Wes-Mid; F LYO S
AUSTRIAN A Pie-Mar; A Gre-TUN; F ION C A Gre-Tun; A MOS S A war;
A SEV S A Mos; A WAR S AUSTRIAN A Sil; A GAL S AUSTRIAN A Sil

We have a proposal of a AFGT draw. Please vote, though NVR will equal a "no" vote this time. Also, please note that Italy still owns Naples.

Winter 1909 and Spring 1910 will be due with my mail received on Monday, January 26, 1981.

#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
6	0	Austria	Bud, Vie, Tri, Rum, Ven, Rom
4	0	France	Par, Bre, Por, Spa , Mar
12	+1	Germany	Ber, Kie, Den, Hol, Bel, Edi, Nwy, Swe, StP, Lon, Lvp, Mun
11	+1	Turkey	Con, Ank, Smy, Tun, Sev, Bul, Gre, Ser, War, Mos, SPA
<u>1</u> 34	0	Italy	Nap

Germany's +1 reflects a build he has had coming for awhile, though there's still noplac to put it.

80 IE Endgame statement

Kerry Blant, Russia, drew

What can you say about a game that had no mid-game because of 3 CDs by '03. When no one wrote me, I felt bad. When no one wrote the gamemaster, I didn't feel quite so bad. The Novice Packet said write, write, write, so I wrote, wrote, wrote. The only communication I received was a clever form letter from TURKEY (Pilant), asking for a non-aggression pact. He opened with the Crimsen Crunch. OUCH ! I wrote for help. France (Cummings) was sympathetic but wouldn't help unless Ger. stabbed him. Germany, along with Austria, England, and Turkey, was too busy going after a piece of Russia to stab anyone. Meanwhile, down south I guessed right and stopped Pilant's drive and even put him on the defensive. I guess he now knows why most people say Turkey should go slow in the early game. Actually, as it turned out, I'm glad Pilant stabbed me; that gave me a chance to pick on someone in the press. He being from OKLAHOMA made that easy and fun to do. I tip my hat to Pilant, he took everything with a sense of humor. (Perlmutter censored my worst stuff though).

The CDs decided the game. France and I allied just in time to take advantage of them (CDs). The only question, Would France go for the win? He was true to his word and we both enjoyed a somewhat tainted victory.

OH MAMMY, OH MAMMY MAMMY BLUE,
OH MAMMY BLUE

Summer 1906: France retreats A Brest to Paris, A Gascony to Spain;
Russia retreats A Norway to St. Petersburg, F Sweden to Baltic

Fall 1906:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A GAL-War; A SIL S A Gal-War; F TUN S ITALIAN
A Ion; A BUD S ITALIAN A Boh-Gal; A SER S A Gre; A GRE S A Ser
ENGLAND (Kirchner): F SWE H; F NWY S F Swe; F NTH S F Nwy
FRANCE (Bricken): A PAR H; A Spa-POR
GERMANY (Grabar): A PIC-Par; A Bur-MAR; A Ruh-MUN; A BER S A Ruh-Mun;
A KIE S A Ber; F DEN S ENGLISH F Swe
ITALY (Henry): F ION H; A BOH-Gal; A Tyo-PIE; A Gas-SPA; F MID S
A Gas-Spa; F BRE H
RUSSIA (Goodrich): A STP-Nwy; A FIN-Swe; F BAL S A Fin-Swe; A PRU-War;
A UKR S A Pru-War; F BLA S F Rum; F RUM S TURKISH A Bul (OTM)
TURKEY (Petrie): F EAS-Ion; F AEG S A Bul-Gre; A BUL-Gre; A CON-Bul

Dave Grabar won the center chart contest. You should be receiving your ass in the mail any day now, Dave. Good work. The headline comes from a song, and is the next contest. The first person to correctly identify the singer and the song will win our "Pop Mystery Prize", guaranteed to please or your money back.

This is really a very exciting game. The "stand-by alliance" of E/G pulled off a neat coup in the north, while France doggedly held on this time, creating problems for the Italians. Incidentally, the Austrian order of "A BUD S ITALIAN A Boh-Gal" did not succeed due to the rule prohibiting self-dislodgement, in case anyone was wondering.

Deadline for Winter 1906 adjustments and Spring 1907 will be Monday, January 26, 1981.

1906	#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
	6	0	Austria	Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, Tun
	5	+2	England	Edi, Lvp, Lon, NWY, SWE
	2	0	France	Par, Br , POR
	7	+1	Germany	Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Den, Bel, MAR
	5	-1	Italy	Ven, Rom, Nap, Maf , Spa, Ppt , BRE
	5	-2	Russia	StP, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Bl , Nwy
	4	0	Turkey	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul
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Germany will play one unit short, since he has nowhere to build.

PRESS

LON-TOKYO: Thank you for the use of the three admirals, as our battle with Russia was close, and your three victorious admirals were enough to help us destroy the Russian navy.

LON-BER: We both know that it was the Jap admirals that turned the tide against the Russian dogs, and deny that your 573 battleships, 18 cruisers, 71 aircraft carriers (with 12 aircraft total on each) had anything to do with the battle.

ROM-WORLD: I got a little tit (Brest), now I'm really trying to go all the way.
BER: I thought I was allied with everyone, yet my borders are ablaze with warfare.

IRKSOME

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JANUARY 17, 1981

WOPS IN BUD, RUSSKIES MISFIRE, TURKS IN AEG, A/H IN TROUBLE, GM IN GOOD MOOD.

IRKSOME #1 80LM
FALL 1901

AUSTRIA(Pilant)	<u>A GAL S</u> Rus <u>A Ukr-Bud</u> (NSO) <u>A SER S</u> F Alb-Gre F Alb-GRE
ENGLAND(Vaughan)	F Nwg-NWY F NTH C A Yor-Hol <u>A YOR-Hol</u>
FRANCE(Sherwood)	F Eng-BEL A BUR S F Eng-Bel <u>A Spa-POR</u>
GERMANY(Stephens)	<u>A Kie-HOL</u> A RUH S A Kie-Hol F DEN H
ITALY(Palter)	F ION C A Apu-Tun A Apu-TUN A Tri-BUD
RUSSIA(Gariepy)	<u>A Sev-Rum</u> (NSU) F BLA S A Sev-Rum F GoB-SWE A StP-LVN A UKR (U)
TURKEY(Wilson)	<u>A BUL-Con</u> <u>A ANK-Con</u> F Con-AEG

Underlined moves fail, caps denote final resting place of a unit. Winter 1901 is due at noon CST on January 31, 1981. Some people have been having problems with the mails, so they'll be glad to know that all the orders arrived in plenty of time. Sorry I wasn't home this morning. That has something to do with the reason I'm in a good mood, but that's for me to know and you to find out...

FRESS

CZAR-SULTAN: The women up here are so cold--you could even say frigid--so I'm coming down to Constantinople to pick up a few of your harem, OK?

SULTAN-CZAR: Sorry, but I don't have any girls to spare. Virgins are hard to get ((wouldn't "come by" be a better choice of words? SH)) in Turkey. But what I really need is a eunich to guard them. You might say I have an "opening" for one. Would you be interested?

CZAR-SULTAN: Sounds good, what do I have to do to qualify?

ARCHDUKE-SULTAN: Don't worry, he qualifies. I've got his balls in a jar in my bedroom. I remember the night I took them from him. It was quite a night...

CEDARHURST-THE GAME: I see my fan club has followed me. And in a game without Johnson, Masters, or Kelly no less. Oh well, I guess I'll have to just muddle along as usual.

BOLOGNA: Following the recent coup de-tat, the revolutionary government has turned all the naval forces over to the command of the nephew of Benito Mooselini, a one Bullwinkle Mooseilini.

VIE-MOS: I lost your address (are you listening, Scott) so I hope you'll take the support as a show of friendship.

ADRIATIC: What this hobby needs is a good five-cent GM, like Scott here.

LON-PAR: I concede Belgium, but honest, this guy in Munich has got to be taught a lesson about manners; he didn't even ask for Holland.

IRKSOME: Didn't stop him from taking it, though...

NORTH AFRICA: Hey! Hear about the Jewish Santa Claus? He came down the chimney and asked the kiddies, "Want to buy some neat toys?"

PORTUGAL: Ho, very funny.

ISREAL: No it wasn't. Therefore a nuke will hit Lisbon in one hour.

BOARDMAN'S FAVORITE JOKE: Why do all niggers smell bad? It gives blind people a chance to hate them, too.

ROME-SOFIA: You have opened the paranoid RT gambit. Lot's of luck given Sev-Blk.

ROME-SEV: North and south AT ONCE?

RUSS-AUS: I guess you know this means war;

TURKEY-GERMANY: I didn't know Michalski and Pilant were the same person. I thought they just got together with a few g.o.b.s (good ole boys) from Moore and had a circle jerk with their spurs on.

WHOOOPS. I FORGOT THE CENTER CHART. OH, WELL...

SHERWOOD-STOCKHOLM: I have never butt-fucked; nor am I a fag; and I've got seven unwed mothers to prove it.

VIE-BLEEDING HEARTS: You still whining and moaning about Lennon? Shit, he was washed up years ago. ((I'll bet you never heard Double Fantasy. SH)) Of course I did my own thing to celebrating him kicking off. I went out and wasted a rockchuck (ground hog to you Easterner liberal assholes). Just pulled out the long range .45 and blew it in two. Range was 90-95 yards. See my gun review in BB for details

BAUMEISTER'S FAVORITE JOKE: What's the difference between a loaf of bread and a Jew? A loaf of bread doesn't scream when you put it in the oven.

CON-GM: The Vikes, if they ever get a running attack, might be awesome. With the best LB in the league (Matt Blair) and WR Rashad, Grant's got a winner sometime soon. Go Eagles!

HOLLAND: Fuck John Lennon! Who the shit cares? Forget him!

AUSTRIA-IRELAND: What do you mean Falter has no class? He has class. Unfortunately, it's all low.

NORWAY: Kill the liberals!

PARIS: The state controlled radio station, KRAP, after their John Lennon tribute, started broadcasting attacks on the scum sucking Germans. The leach has been defacing Europe long enough. It is time to unite and wipe his ugly butt off the face of this earth.

KENDTER-HANSON: Go Eagles!! Super Bowl here we come! We kick the Raiders ass now that we lucked out and beat the Cowboys.

JOKES MY ISRAELI GIRLFRIEND TOLD ME:

Q. How many Jews does it take to screw in a light bulb? None, dear, you just go and have a good time and leave your poor mother to sit in the dark.

Q. What's the difference between a pizza and a Jew? A pizza doesn't scream when you put it in the oven.((That's funny, neither does bread! SH))

Q. How many Jews can fit in a Volkswagen? 14. Two in the front, two in the back, and ten in the ashtray.

?: That's disgusting, Perlmutter. And what are you doing in this zine?

?: Dave didn't write those jokes. If he had, they would have been labeled "Jokes My Israeli Boyffriend Told Me."

BALTIC SEA: I announce I am now a full fledged Nazi. Join the NDSAP! Write: John Boardman at Box 756, Killajew MASS 00000.

MID ATLANTIC: The GM's taste in records sucks! Read Born to Dip #2 for the real best of '80. Except for Rachel Sweet, he's all wrong.

IRKSOME: Come on, Brad, the only reason I didn't mention The River is I hadn't bought it yet. Am I forgiven now?

JOHN MICHALSKI: In case you haven't got the picture, let me make one thing perfectly clear: if you don't want to own your very own anti-tank gun, then you're a pinko commie fag. If you want to help poor people, then you're a liberal fag. If you do not believe in our Saviour, Jesus Christ, then you are an athiest fag. And if you don't fuck your woman twice a week, then you're a fag fag.

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Not a normal Fall '01 by any means. Oh well, this is BB.
SUPER BOWL PICK: I'll go against tide and pick the Eagles by 4.

~~Shit/hitting/the/pan...~~

Stuff hitting my mailbox in recent weeks:

OPENINGS: Mike Mills, in his highly rated EMHAIN MACHA, has openings under a guest gamemaster. EM is a usually-hefty Democratic zine that you might like for a change of pace. Try 1585 Quaker Road, Macedon, NY 14502.

Then too, there's Steve McLenodn (Dragon & the Lamb) who just bought a computer and printer to do his games for him. Steve has also lowered his high rates now. Write Box 57066, Webster, Texas 77598

JOHN CARUSO has put out another big WHITESTONIA, an 18 page digest sized issue with reduced type. I've been getting quite a few lately, compared to many others. Has John gone to a three week schedule and others to five? This was an all-material issue, no games. 42-34 Saull St, Flushing, NY 11355.

LEE KENDTER Sr has taken to the hobby tradition of announcing a winding down of hobby involvement two years ahead of time. His latest WHY ME? #37 announces that there will be no more openings, and non-playing subbers will be discouraged. Too bad, for while WM never really overflowed with material, it was a good, reliable zine, always prompt and clear to read. A shame to hear it.

Hmm, flipping through the stack of recent zines that I never get to comment on due to time, I find that John Daly's DOGS OF WAR #21 has openings after some of his initial games have wound down and/or ended. \$2 and a pref list. This zine is a good prospect to fill Lee Kendter's niche: same style and strengths. Rt 2, Box 136-M5, Rockwell, NC 28138

INFIDEL #12 was quite an anniversary issue: 43 pages, with stories, illustrations, games, articles, reviews, humor...quite impressive. I don't recall seeing any others, so I can't give a comparison, but this one was quite a piece of work. It is a group project, but one editor is Nick Russon, 2503 Hurontario St #353, Mississauga, Ontario L5A 2K9

THIS quaint story was in Steve Heinowski's TER-RAN #49, 1630 W 28 St, Lorain, Ohio 44052, which is one of the last 3/\$1 zeens:

There were 5 people aboard Air Force One when the plane started to make a final dive to the earth: the President, the Secretary of State, a Priest, a female Diplomacy player, and a young man who had been backpacking across America (brought along for a publicity stunt). To their dismay, they discovered that, not expecting the backpacker, they had only brought 4 parachutes along.

The Pres. quickly grabbed the first parachute saying, "I'm the leader of my country and I need to lead you to a safe descent, follow meeeeeee...."

The Sec.y of State, then, quickly grabbed the second chute, saying "it is my duty to be beside the President during these troubled times", and quickly made his exit out the door.

When he left, the female Diplomacy player grabbed the third chute saying "I'm da smartist poison in da woild...I need t'survive so that my genyus can make the woild a better place t'live". With that she jumped from the plane, leaving but one parachute left. The Priest with bowed head told the backpacker, "My son, you take the chute. I've lived a long life and am not afraid of death. You're young, so go ahead and survive."

"Don't worry" the backpacker replied, "We can both survive because the 'smartest woman in the world' just jumped out of the plane with my napsack."

***** PEEK #1, a close look at diplomacy", is another good porno zine involving our own hobby lovely (aside from Kathy B): Jane Proskin. And for the first time, if you didn't receive this one, there's an address that you can write to for it! Write "Occupant, P O Box 6824, Burbank, CA 91510" Seriously. Send a few stamps, incase there are more coming. Kisses, sex, and personal notes, at least on mine. Write and see what you can, uh, get off her.

BLACK FROGS keep rolling in every two or five days. Too many to keep track of. Blackjack Masters, 25711 N Vista Fairways Drive, Silver Shamrock Casino, Valencia, CA 91355. Just too much material to review. Short issues, but at 7 a month....

 ** This, uh, "article" attributed to me appeared in **
 ** the fake RETALIATION last month. J. Mc **

OKLAHOMA!!!!!!!

POTENT

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X Moore!!!!!!!!!!!!

FOR OUR TIMES

- by John Michalski

At long last, and in my lifetime, something I would never dared hope, Oklahoma has come to symbolize the new direction that America is taking. How many of you bleeding heart liberals watched NBC on election night, huh, when this country regained its manhood?!

Well, as state after state was declared Reagan territory, it seemed to me that the blue color used to designate the Reagan states was surging east to the west with ever growing strength until it came....to Oklahoma. Then things came to a head.

In Oklahoma this spurt became focused and burst out and covered the whole west with foaming blue on the NBC map, except Hawaii where those pussies wear grass skirts. A new President arrived. A new age ushered in.

What caused this? It was people like you and me (if you are like me) who are fed up to the gills with bleeding heart liberals giving social security checks to convicts in prison and such as that! People like the Moral Majority, God love 'em. Perhaps you have heard of the Moral Majority? If you haven't, you certainly will during the next few years. We had as hell and we aren't going to take it anymore!

Moral Majority is a group of Fundamentalists, real Bible-thumpers, going out and entering the political arena by endorsing candidates who measure up best vs. their Biblical yardstick. And No!!! They are not all prejudiced far-right bigots.

In fact, the Moral Majority backed a Catholic for U.S. Senator here. If that's not liberal, I don't know what is, snort. And he won. He is Don Nickles and mark his name well. If we are lucky, he will be the President of the U.S. in 1996 and we can finish off this century right (Get it, Right!) and start the next century off just as right-Right too.

So, just remember it is no longer New York, Massachusetts or California that will be a potent force in the 80s and 90s. It will be OKLAHOMA, real Okies from Muskogee, if you know what I mean, like our new Senator who will set future trends. So, in the meantime-----don't accept any wooden Nickles when you can have the real thing!

((Uh, thanks John for that article. It certainly had a different twist to it to say the least. If you are interested in the free-wheeling views of John be sure and ask for a sample of his zine The Brutus Bulletin. He has promised his readers in the near future to have an article, based on personal experience, called "Constipation: How the Fact Differs From the Myth". Seriously though, John will print anything: Send SASE to John M., Rt#10, Box 526 Q, Moore, Okla 73165))

STEVE McLENDON (The Dragon & the Lamb)

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I read with interest your remarks on Sagan's COSMOS series. I enjoyed the series tremendously (I made a point to watch all 13 weeks of it!). As a whole it was one of the best I've seen - well worth the time I invested watching it.

But from my standpoint there was indeed one major flaw. Sagan's whole theme was "Man evolved from the sea - this is how it was done - there are no other alternatives. This is how it happened".

You backhand religions because they will not even listen to an alternative other than God, yet you praise Sagan because he will not admit to any other possibility than evolution.

Obviously, you are fed up with the hard core religious groups. I don't know what your surroundings are there on Oklahoma, but here I get a steady diet of "evolution". Just about every day on television, in books, in newspapers, etc, I read or hear references about Man's primitive past, how he evolved from apes, how his birthplace was the sea, and on and on. So I saw nothing heroic about Sagan telling me what others have been telling me from day in and day out.

Evolution is not a proven fact by any stretch of the imagination. The "missing link" has never been found and I personally don't believe ever will be. One could argue that the existence of a Supreme Being is not a proven fact either, and I would have to agree with that. So anyone who stands up and says "God created Man" or says "Man evolved from the sea" is not speaking from authority, he is stating personal opinion. He is not "laying it on the line" as you called it.

I will submit to you, however, that there is more evidence supporting a life after death and a Supreme Being than there is to support any theory of evolution. The late Dr. Werner von Braun put it in the best perspective: "The size of the human brain has not changed appreciably even after millions of years. And the experts tell me that we use only about 30% of our brain capacity. This seems to me to go against the laws of evolution. Evolution is supposed to start with a simple organism and increase in complexity as the need arises, not start out complex and work down".

Also, there have been many documented cases of people dying but later (sometimes many hours) being revived. Upon awakening, most of them told similar stories that lend credence to a life after death. Does evolution account for this? Or were all the witnesses lying? Hallucinating? Pulling a hoax?

I always think it fascinating that most people are very willing to believe that Caesar crossed the Rubicon, yet guffaw when told that God parted the Red Sea. They did not witness either event, but both are equally documented by witnesses of the time. The reason they accept one but not the other is because they don't understand anything that even hints at the supernatural. Therefore they reject it.

Of course, religions have gone to the extreme also. Before the Renaissance one could draw the death penalty if he tried to convince people that the Earth was not the center of the universe, around which all things revolved.

You say that Sagan was heroic in stating that evolution and the "big bang" origin of the universe IS THE WAY IT HAPPENED. I say he lacked a little in credibility. Especially since nowhere in his entire series did he present any evidence whatsoever to support his concept of evolution.

That aside, his other topics were well presented. If it ever reruns, I plan on taping all 13 segments.

((It's strange how people can look at the same thing and see different results. I thought that Sagan paid far too much time always talking about the infinite diversity possible on the many worlds, how unique Man is, etc. I disagree with the idea, so perhaps that has an effect.

If the thought of evolution bothers you, you must have a hard time. The only way to avoid the concept of change in the universe is if you figure it has always been this way. Either men were around with the dinosaurs, or else God just created the earth later with bones preset in the ground to fool poor Man. Change and adaption are too obvious to deny; that's why one hears of the evolution of things. The only way to avoid it is to retreat into blind stupidity and say that "the Koran says it was thus; so thus it is, reality notwithstanding". That's not to say that people don't in fact do just that, with slight variations in wording; there are a lot of them in Oklahoma, for instance. It's just that I have a hard time believing that any except vegetable-brained old women are like that.

People reject the supernatural because the only evidence of it is stories and tales. There is no indication of it to them. When men were very ignorant, they feared all the unknown, and the Unknown was one hell of a lot. They attributed all things to gods/demons/trolls/elves/whatever. There were gods of the trees, the streams, the clouds; gods of fertility, war, harvest; you couldn't take a good shit without getting into the domain of some god or witch or spirit. Everything that happened was due to the gods, or this god having the hots for the wife of that god: thunder, the constellations, the mountains, the seas; there was a supernatural explanation for everything. Nowadays, men no longer require a god to explain why there is thunder and lightening, or salt in the sea. Nowadays, all that is left to the domain of the supernatural is the outer limit of things: where did the universe begin, and what will happen after death? I am not at all impressed by the Sunday supplement stuff in the papers that tells the stories of what is remembered by people who apparently died on the operating table (or wherever) and later came back miraculously. If you ask 100 unconscious people later what they remember of being unconscious, I wouldn't be at all surprised to find their stories similar. To me though, there is nothing either scientific, or supernaturally revealing, in the stories of the near-dead who managed to recover. The only man I think may ever have come back from the dead took three days to do it, and doesn't run the story in the Sunday paper. A lot of good, honorable dipzine publishers wouldn't even agree with me on that—Linsey, Berch, Perlmutter, Gould, Lipton, to name just a few—but the return-from-death stories do not at all impress me, other than perhaps as cheap journalism.

Another item we see differently concerns your remarks about proofs or evidence. It seemed to me that he spent whole episodes laying out in childish detail the sequence of logic used: what is now, what's happening that we can observe, what it took to get here from there; then tracing back. Even then, he offered different beginnings: a cyclic universe, or a one-shot; I seem to recall the better part of an entire episode devoted (wasted, I thought) on what various peoples have believed was the source and/or future of the universe. I guess if you're among those who figure the universe was created as is, where is, 5000 years ago, Sagan would be presenting annoying ideas. On the other hand, if you figure God was bored and created the universe 50 centuries ago for some change of pace, then why worry about what others presume to figure what happened billions of years ago?

Oh, the von Braun quote, assuming it is accurate, is incorrect on its face. The brain HAS changed over the millions of years. It's just that Man as we recognize him today has only left evidence of being around for about 1 million years. Few species of even the evolutionary evolutionist do much in just one million years, and there is no evidence of men much before that. Again though, the 5000 year alternative makes the point moot anyway. If you take the skeletons of near-humans that existed earlier, the brains had to be different in the smaller heads, but then you've put yourself into the evolution sequence already. That is probably why so many who look for an objective answer instead of just a cozy fable to explain the whys of the world around them accept evolution as a matter of course—as did Sagan in large part. If people still accepted divine intervention as the quick and easy explanation of all things, there wouldn't be anyone asking 'why' to begin with. As you point out, before the Renaissance there was acceptance. The acceptance gave way to

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doubt, and the vested interests slapped such impudent questioning of the accepted ways and pat responses hard. Hell, even the divine right of kings was still around up until a few centuries ago. Such questioning, as the Inquisitionists and later even the kings found out, has some nasty consequences. However, unless you can get people to stop thinking, divine intervention is not going to be very popular. Barnum spelled it out for them: some of the people all of the time, or all of the people some of the time will buy it, but that's about it. Men have NOT changed in that regard; the bible-thumpers, the militant Islamics, the Central Committee, all have seen the same thing. Some will accept their pat answers all of the time, all of the people will some of the time; the only evolution in this thought process is that the twentieth century has added effective repression to replace belief, for in Communism we find the birth of a shark of ideology: simple, brutish, powerful—effective. Hopefully the future will find a response, and not the distant future, but I am not optimistic. But I digress.

Finally, I am pleased to see the evolution of your DRAGON & LAMB now that you have a computer to do the adjudicating for you. From the big bang of issue 1 to the present high priced digest, we are now to be treated to an even greater D&L via Apple II. More capacity, lower cost, unique typeset...D&L will make True Believers of us all!)) J.M.

BEN SHILLING
(excerpt)

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If you happen to have (or can get) a copy of "Panzer Leader" by Heinz Guderian, Ballantine books, 1957, he states that he received an order concerning the treatment of Russian civilians and prisoners of war which he refused to publish and returned to Berlin (pp125-6). I would think that this implies that something which should not have happened was, in fact, happening.

((The order said in effect that German soldiers accused of committing atrocities against the civilian population in Russia shouldn't be tried as they would be on any normal front; in brief, OKW was telling the army commanders that "anything goes". In Russia, I'd say that the high command was just laying it on the line. The struggle between the Nazi system and the Communist system was not a battle between nations, but rather, the final struggle to the death between two non-compatible systems. One would win, the other would vanish. I'd have to question whether we lucked out in that one or not. I appreciate the interest shown, though. It also gave me reason to look into Pz Ldr again, after it sitting MANY years on the shelf...)) J.M.

MARK CUMMINGS

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I would like to respond to Dave Perlmutter's comment on black press in the last issue. Frankly, John, it is usually gross without even being funny (the only people I know who giggle when they use dirty words just because they are dirty are third graders). In addition to being boring, it is also rather useless. You never know who really said what. Which brings me to a proposal I would like to make. I would like to suggest a rule revision that would only allow the player who owned a certain capital to issue press releases datelined from that capital. This would do several things. 1. It would allow you to insult/inform someone and to really let them know that you said it. 2. You would still be able to date-line things from provinces within your own country or someone else's when you didn't want them to be sure who wrote what. 3. It would give you added incentive to protect your capital (not that we really need added incentive). 4. It would allow you to use the press as a form of negotiation, talking to everyone at once, and letting them know it was really coming from you.

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((You're not too familiar then with the applications of black press. True, a lot of people do little more than turn in language that they otherwise would never want to be associated with. However, worthless press abounds in many—indeed, I'd say most—zines. It is the good stuff that needs to be dug out. The only difference here is that a dirty joke will see print instead of just the clean ones. If you are in a black press game and want some press to go through as clearly yours, there are many devices you can use. The easiest is to dateline your comments via some move you are ordering. That, plus the "serious" tone of a real press release, will strongly stand out from the usual blatherings around it. You can also key your dateline to reference you made in other correspondence. To set any one dateline as off limits to other players would make all the black press aspects near useless. Black press has to be run as an all-or-nothing item, I feel. You either allow it or you don't. To limit it to some datelines means you might as well say that only frivolous datelines, aside from real owned ones, can be used. No, if someone has a real message, a little thought will have it shine through. To use restrictions in place of cleverness does a disservice to both sides.)) J.M.

JOHN CARUSO (Whitestonia)
(excerpts)

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Wish you'd drop the Holocaust stuff. I mean, why discuss a dead issue (no pun intended). Let our dark pasts lie. Discussion of human brutality only brings anger, vengeance, and inner hatreds out of ourselves towards one another. What's the difference if you're German or Jewish or Catholic, whether you're Black, White or Red, whether you're male or female? We are all human. And, we are all members of this hobby. The topic is one of much discussion, past, present, and probably of the future as well, but our discussions won't change what happened 40 years ago.

On to other things. I feel it necessary to state how I stand on fake zeins, especially with the large numbers of fakes circulating around the hobby nowadays. I, for one, enjoy a good laugh, a good joke, or trick. Fakes, done in fun, are fun. But when a fake costs the original pubber phone calls, stamps, time and space in his original zine to warn his readers about the fake, it stops being fun. When players call up complaining about their moves being changed, that's a waste of player's money on a phone call—sure it's fun, yeah, it's a regular riot. Some poor Joe working in the boonies making \$3.25 an hour, busting his hump, gets this fake and calls halfway across the country at prime time to complain about his changed moves only to find it's all a joke. Some joke. That week his wife and kids (5 of them) have to miss lunch on Tues & Thurs because of that ~~done~~ call. Of course, faking RETALIATION doesn't matter, as Dick always changes the players moves anyway. Faking BLACK FROG wouldn't do any good either, as Black Jack (BJ—note his initials) would probably take credit for it as one of his issues. No one would do ITALIANO PRIFF as it isn't worth the trouble. So let's cut the fakes that are costly to the innocent.

I have heard recently that we, the pubbers, have elected an Ombudsman. That's strange, not one pubber I've talked to voted for him, or even voted for that matter. So who held this so-called election, and who voted? By the way, who is he? I heard rumors that it is Randolph Smyth.

((I don't know. This is the first I've heard of it.)) J.M.

Another JOHN CARUSO letter:

Dear Anonymous by Request,

You forgot one thing in your stupid denunciation of me. You forgot to warn people where I live and tell them if they don't believe you, they could write me at 42-34 Saull St, Flushing, NY 11355 and find out for themselves. Is men et leyst youd coulda letem writa meya themselves. Is ain't illigitimate.

Oh yes, now that you got a few things off of your chest, how are you going to fill your shirt? Are you gonna use tissue paper, or are you gonna stick the pencils up your ass & your head in the shirt?

D S PALTER (Pink Dragon)

This letter is being written to what may or may not be a fake issue 80. Has your style, the right postmark, and the return address tab from some chick in Colonie, NY. What gives?

(1) One has to take the entire concept of war crimes with a pillar of salt. Being horrible does not mean being criminal. The Nazis were horrible, as even most of the Germans I know will agree. But how can a government be criminal, especially when it is under its own laws sovereign and without institutional constraints. A war crime is a violation of the laws of war. There were a few of these really raised at Nuremberg but they fall into two classes-petty and absurd. Example of the petty. The Waffen SS was gone after tooth and nail for massacres of POW's. Forget the veracity of the stories. Let's accept them at face value and shelve the issue of whether the allied version of the "facts" is accurate.

Against the western allies there were 3 incidents recorded in 6 years of warfare-one near Dunkirk in 1940, one near Caen in Aug of 44, and "almedy". The first two were the essentially individual actions of a platoon or company commander (the versions do conflict) acting in the heat of the moment. Wrong and improper, but those things do happen in war, any war, by armies, any army. People get a little indifferent to stiffs and they are pissed for one reason or another and somebody pulls and everybody just keeps going. My 4ai anyone? The third is potentially more serious as, if we accept the official count, we are dealing with a field grade officer blowing away the better part of a battalion of helpless POW's. Again clearly wrong and something that shouldn't happen-especially by a pro of that rank acting in cold blood. This is the sort of action that the laws of war are designed to prevent. However, before adopting holier than thou approach please read an account of either

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the Ft. Pillow massacre in 1864 or the "battle" (massacre) at Sand Creek Colorado of the same year-I've included one each for the blue and grey depending on where your sympathies lie. These were red blooded American boys doing their thing and with far less justification than anything Pieper had to say in his defense. These things happen in war. Indeed the English WWII histories have many ~~more~~ in cheek stories of the Irish Guards igniting white flags, putting POW's on the lead tank etc. to the point where their attitude on this topic became a bemused joke. It's again the rules and it happens all the time. The victor may want to punish it when done by the vanquished but lets not claim this is exactly breaking new ground in the annals of even recent civilized western history.

Now we get to the absurd. First consider the case of Gross Admiral Doenitz, accused of breaking the rules by waging unrestricted submarine warfare. Yes he did and yes it is. And yes we did in the Pacific in exactly the same way. And yes the British did in both wars by imposing a food blockade.

Now most of what passed as war crimes weren't war crimes at all. Waging aggressive war is a sovereign right under international law rather than a crime. If we are going to make an ~~exception~~ exception for this particular war then why include Julius Streicher (an odious toad but only a provincial newspaper editor by the time the war broke out) and leave out Adolph's allies Stalin and Molotov? Answer-because they won. Similarly it was impossible to violate the rules of war against the Russians. The Hague and Geneva conventions are only applicable to other signatories and Russia most pointedly did NOT sign. Neither did they abide by the rules either but again they won and so it goes.

The same goes for the conduct of the antipartisan war by the SS, Army, etc/ Partisans are specifically outside the rules of war which specifically ban their use. They are spies or Franc triers(sp?) who may be shot out of hand. The Germans on this one played exactly by the rules. Yes there were excesses and yes they did make mistakes. Who doesn't? However, it was to our advantage to claim that civilian terrorists were to be accorded combatant status without having to play by combatant rules so we did so. When the shoe was on the other foot see Eisenhower's werewolf order of 1945 that reads like something out of Jodl and Keitel in 41-44. We never had to get our hands dirty with it as the only major werewolf group was suppressed by German paras acting under Monty's orders a few days after the war ended. However, do not doubt that we would have gone the full route. For a history of times when we did read any valid account of the Phillipine Insurrection 1899-1902(also known as the Moro war), or of the US Civil War along what was quaintly called the middle border(Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky). Reprisals, execution of hostages, attacks on believed civilian supporters, etc-the Missouri theater is especially informative. We still played by these rules in Korea and suppressed two Red Civil insurrections behind the lines in 1950 and 1951. We didn't in Indochina and got our asses whipped for fighting with both hands tied behind our backs and a gag in our mouths. Further note from the Indochina era-notice how refusal to follow "immoral" orders was cast aside when it was US soldiers refusing to shoot "civilians" or engage in war crimes(sic).

(2) Eichman was a special case-he was clearly guilty of trying to wipe out European jewelry-what happened in Jerusalem

an act of vengeance, not justice or law. The procedure was a farce concocted to cover the inevitable. Eichman was kept in a glass booth to keep the victims from doing him in private like before it could be done officially. (3) Those who think the Final Solution didn't happen are welcome to their own delusionary patterns. I know of enough survivors from both sides of the wire(its amazing how many former SS/SD/RSMA types simply faded into the woodwork in 45-46 until you stop to consider that they were not all fanatic Nazis-indeed quite a few were opportunistic timeservers who would rather march enemies of the state into gas chambers than risk their asses against the Russians. The German joke I've heard on the topic is that they lost WWI through keeping a "fleet in being" and WWII through keeping an "army in being". When the handwriting was clearly on the wall and the collapse came they had the fake ID ready and just faded into the mass of fleeing civilians/troops). The holes in the theory are obvious. First, if it never happened why do not the defendants in the trials raise that issue rather than their nonindicted supporters? Certainly by this time the defense should be frequently heard in German courtrooms. Most of the current defendants are basically low level flunkies that someone tripped over. Why hasn't ever one of them claimed "it never happened" as opposed to "I wasn't there/didn't do anything/didn't do anything worse than anybody else/also saved a few"? Second the question of why there were barracks at the Auschwitz compound?-answer: because it was a complex of camps most of which were strict regime work camps having few if any Jews(supposedly none but the entire camp system was run with a level of inefficiency typical of the ascend of the SS-it had the rejects and losers of an organization suffering from extreme overexpansion, a shortage of cadre, and poor top

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management-ergo some Jews escaped mixed with the Aryans and a fair number of Aryans were slaughtered as Jews.

There is a tendency to think of the SS as a superman organization because ^{cause} many of their lower echelon members fit the bill. Remember that we are dealing with folks who put the Dirlewanger Division into the front lines in Hungary in 1945. For the uninitiated, this was a penal division with cadre from the SS prisons (Dirlewanger was a convicted ^{prisoner} and fag with friends at the top) and ^{rank & file} recruited/drafted out of the Aryan camps—largely German reeds. With the use of brutal discipline it performed a useful if minor antipartisan role—constant minor mutinies and heavy casualties but the German sections of the work camps provided a bottomless manpower pool as private in Dirlewanger usually seemed better than inmate at Dachau. When put at the front the results were both comic and predictable. Some units mutinied. Some deserted en bloc to the Russians. Some shot their officers. Most did at least two. Many did all three. Himmler seemed quite surprised. Dietreich, who had had that "gift" forced into his lines, didn't and simply continued to retreat towards and through Vienna in defiance of all orders to the contrary).

In summation, if the final solution never happened, a fair number of Nazis have contributed to the myth.

((Overall I would agree, except perhaps with your second point. If as you say, so much of Auschwitz was a work camp; and the other camps in the west were not death camps per se at all; and as someone else wrote, a handful of the real name camps (and there weren't all that many overall) closed up shop for whatever reason in early 1943 or late 1942—then where in the hell do the "six million" get the axe? Auschwitz alone, perhaps with the Einsatzgruppen also, could hardly chew through that many in the space of the wartime available to them. While I think there certainly were exterminations, I think that the Revisionist view of two million, many if not most of whom died via atrocious treatment rather than being processed through the storied "factories of death", appears to be the more solid account. There are just too many holes appearing in the rest to accept the postwar stories verbatim.

As for Jane Proskin, she is an imaginary/real? person created by Linsey and involved in an ongoing hobby prank. Partly involved is Arnett, but mostly, see Masters' BLACK FROG plus the fakes of MM and PEEK. I just thought I'd add my part.))

Special Feature???

Below is another strange "Sleaze" submission. I was tempted to skip it, as I was also tempted to skip the Wilson submission that follows. Both are too far out for my preferences, but, since they might tend to cancel each other out, I'll run both of them together.

"The Sleaze" has given permission to reveal his name if necessary, but prefers anonymity. Since this item doesn't attack anyone in particular, I'll honor that request for now. As a hint to tease you with though, The Sleaze works under "Bernie Oaklyn", as if you couldn't guess from his material...

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The Sleaze on Gun Control

What's all this here bullshit about gun control all about? To me it is painfully clear what should be done. I mean, one side, we got these here cry-baby types like Sherwood who flips-out to hell in a handbag because some loon blows away John-boy Beattie back in N.Y.C. And on the other hand, complete with foot in mouth, we has Uncle John L. telling us all to pack a .45 under our belts so that the streets will be safe for a change. Well, I just want you all to know that I, the Sleaze himself, has the answer. I'm sure I'm not the first, and won't be the last, but sure as shit stinks all handguns should be illegal. Now, think about it, all you budding fascists, a home can be defended as easily with a rifle as with a handgun, but it's rather hard for a boond to conceal a rifle walking down the street toward the liquor store; not impossible, of course, but more harder (don't you just love those German verb forms). A handgun is a thieves best friend, but a rifle will stop those hard charging purple Cadillac at least as well as any handgun. So, let's make all handguns illegal to even look at, and defend the homestead with rifles and machine guns.

The Sleaze on Gay Rights

The Sleaze has very definite feelings about homosexuals. Now, in the name of God (Oh, especially in the name of God!) could anyone hate or hurt or even discriminate against a person because of their sexual preferences? Of course, all you young fascists, I'm sure you can all give me lots of reasons!! Well, every goddamned one of them stinks. No, don't get me wrong, you assholes, the Sleaze is straight, but I'm really into "dykes". They're really interesting people. So, put away your guns and your hate and love a dyke today. I do.

The Sleaze on Conservatives

It seems to me that most of you fascists out there seem to be missing the point of conservatism. I keep hearing all this crap about guns, abortion, state's rights, and defense spending. The real significance of the conservative shift is in the field of economics, about which, I'm sure, you guys probably don't know shit. So, how about it, Davey Red-mutter, tell us what you know about economics (I've got 30 seconds to spare). And you, Born to be a Dip Brad "Commie Killer" Wilson, give us your thoughts on the effect of a reagan tax cut. And you, Uncle John Michalski, speculate for us on how Ron-baby is gonna balance the budget and still give us the massive, inflation free, tax-cut he promised. Hey, I'm as conservative as they come when it comes to economics, but, let me tell you, Ronny has his head up his ass on this, the only issue that matters. Why so important? What better way to eliminate the root cause of crime than to put people to work. What better way to bury the Soviet than to have a strong, inflation free, economy. And you can take that to the bank, friends.

signed: The Sleaze

BB 79 here. Excellent issue! To my points about its contents:

3. On Lennon. Now, I will be "Joe College" next year--at Princeton--but John, I agree with you. My God, is the man a saint? President? Pope? Did anyone from Bing Crosby to Mee West to Ed Sullivan to Peter Sellers to LBJ or Truman get this sort of publicity? No, but a drug-riddled "popular" songwriter does. Lennon's composing with the Beatles in the 60s wasn't bad, but lately he sounded like a BeeGee with balls and some Oriental bitch howling along. No real loss to the music world--now if Bruce Springsteen died! Then there's a reason to mourn!

5. Mills is full of shit. He didn't yelp, I bet, when liberal men of God pitched for civil rights--otherwise known as privileges for being black--and he didn't yelp when Rev William Sloane Commie, er, Coffen, said the Shah was evil and the Ayntoadie Idiot was justified? But let the Conservative preachers jump in and pitch for the values millions of millions of Americans stand for, which oppose the values held by a few people in NY, DC, and California, mostly intellectuals and medias--then, it's awful and horrible. This ticks me off. Liberals have a different standard than conservatives. They can do it, we can't. Another point: My aunt is 78 and a cripple. She can't get to church on Sunday. She watches Humbard--its the only church service she can attend, and shes a devout Christian. The TV preachers provide a service for shut-ins and others who can't get to church. Shove it, Mills.

6. That "I'm a Republican" thing is quite common; I've seen about 30 of them.

7. Your point on dictatorships is right on the mark. Time after time, we replace a "repressive" (read: right-wing) regime with a "democratic" (read:Communist) dictatorship. There are parts of the world where democracy is too advanced for the illiterate and ginorant population, so dictatorships tend to pop up. I'd rather they be friendly dictatorships along the lines of S Korea, the Shah, and Marcos (Phillipines). For the interest of the truth, El Salvador is being governed by a civilian-military junta, not a dictatorship. But we should be careful--our military is so weak that our intervention in,say, the Persian Gulf or South Africa might fail miserably. You know, it's funny. The top liberal of the 20th Century, FDR, had the type of foreign policy abhorred by present day libs like Church and Teddy-dearest.

7. Here, we part company. John, if America is to survive as the greatest social experiment on earth, the US youth must lead the way. But we won't if you oldsters call us potheads and bums. To compete with the well-educated Russians, we need physicists, chemists, engineers, and skilled diplomats, administrators, and businessmen. Where do we get this training? Not high school, to be sure. College and grad school, that's where. Again, I recognize that such students--left-wing, shiftless, trying for 4 years to "find themselves" exist and should be condemned. But try to be optimistic! Look at the youth who is studying to become an aerospace engineer, or who organizes political campaigns (GOP, of course!) or who genuinely wants to serve and aid his country. We do exist, you know. The youth of this country who care about the US must be recognized and aided, or it's only a matter of time (short one) that there is a Red Star on the Lincoln Memorial.

8. Sherwood is so off-base he needs no rebuttal. I sure as hell didn't cry over Lennon, and don't intend to. Looks like a typical liberal, ho hum. No tears for John Lennon here!

9. You say the creeps speak for the colleges--this is unfortunately true. Read the YALE DAILY NEWS or THE DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN (Not PA) and you can see that. Abuse the creeps, but say "the creeps at X college", not "X college punks" as an all-inclusive thing.

10. Reply to Sherwood's record review: Hey clown, don't call Michalski a redneck, 'cause there are us Easterners (like me) just as conservative. But it's obvious you have no taste in music. OK, the Stones are alright--esp. OLD (65-69 Stones) but The Who is dull, the Beatles--well, OK, they're good, but the greatest in recorded history? Roll over, Beethoven. Seriously, the Beatles don't thrill me either. But your spectrum is limited. What about Bruce Springsteen (who, in my opinion, surpasses the Fab Four), Jackson Browne, Warren Zevan, Billy Joel, Charlie Daniels, Meat Loaf, Genesis, Otis Redding, Utopia,

Wilson, cont'd

Karla Bonoff, ELO, ELP, Neil Young, and Lynyrd Skynyrd? When these and others are included, then you've reviewed Rock.

((Also included then was a guest review of LIBERAL PROGRAMS. Maybe next issh. As I said at the start, I was inclined to drop a lot of these two due to a degree of overstatement. The Sleeve stuff is all emotion and little sense, for instance. How one can describe a tax cut as inflationary, I don't know. I guess he just presumes that the incredible level of spending on leftwing "social" programs is constant and unchangeable, so any tax cut just means that there's less money to pay for what will surely be charged. None of these asswipes ever even thought of having spending cuts at LEAST as big as the tax cuts I guess, and since defense spending will go UP, guess what that means for spending on social handouts? The love-your-local-dyke stuff speaks more eloquently of itself than I could, so I'll just move on.

Brad agrees with me on most items, but the 'enthusiasm of youth' factor shows through strongly. Perhaps the amount of abuse that the leftist types might opt to heap on him will show more of what I mean? We'll see. I wouldn't have thrown a lot of this straight into their face as Brad is prone to do, but then, there is a place for that too. It will give Mike M something to fill a page with in the next EMHAIN MACHA.

Brad's item 7, college bums: Sorry, Brad, but I call them as I see them. I left grad school only a handful of years ago, if that, and I have to call them as I see them. I'm sure there are normal people in there, but at least half are there for no other reason than they have no where else to go, certainly (shudder) not to WORK. So they sit there and major in chair-warming while complaining about the rotten system.

A final note: Brad's stuff was hand-written, and since I am not at all familiar with any of those musical types he mentioned, I could have easily mistyped what he put down. If any don't make sense, try to think of someone or some group similar to what you see there.))

Well, how about

SOME HOBBY HAPPENINGS

JACK FROST, former GGM here and currently a GGM in RETALIATION, has a new family addition: Charles Jason, 12:13 AM January 5, 5 lbs 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Congratulations on that and on wrapping up 1979HE, which ended January 11 in a win for Bob Osuch's Turkey. Bob was only a two-center power in 1903 through 1906, and was back to being only a 6 as late as 1915, but in FALL, 1923 (yes, 1923) he hit 18. Is that any sort of a record? He was stabbed by everybody on the board except maybe France, as I recall; my Russia survived with 6, Gary Howe second with 10. Congratulations to Bob too. (Should I add that Pilant lasted until Fall 1903, going on for as long as the neutrals did?) No, I won't.

SCOTT HANSEN's new game is 8OLM. The hobby must be doing well if there have been at least 325 game starts. (I wonder what percentage ever get completed?) That means there is a game starting every day of 1980 except Sundays and holidays. I'll bet it is fun to be BNC...

FIELD OF FIRE was plugged here once. I wish to withdraw that plug. It has yet to arrive within three weeks of a deadline, which totally destroys any real sense of an active game in progress; playing there is more like playing in one of these Blind games. Don't bother with it. (Phil Fry, 5183 S Gravenstein, Salt Lake City, UT 84107) My game there started off with a wild S01 season: 4 NMRs, and no neutral orders! His second game fared better, only 2 S01 NMRs as I recall. There are better places to play.

JACK MASTERS brought up a good point in a recent BLACK FROG. He said that anyone who was dissatisfied with BF could write for a refund posthaste. Good idea. If anyone out there doesn't like the BBs they've been getting, it only takes a postcard. Refunds are available any time. If you don't care for it, it sure won't break my heart to shrink my mailing list. Write in anytime.

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SOME "GREAT" MILWAUKEE BEERS

by Konrad Baumeister, natch.

I happen to live in the brewing capital of the western hemisphere: Milwaukee. Whenever you pick up a major American beer, the chances are fairly good that that beer was brewed and bottled just miles from my house; the smaller sub-breweries and local breweries put out relatively little, compared to the huge Milwaukee works in Beer City, U.S.A.

By virtue of my strategic proximity to the greatest brewing city in half the world, coupled with my German upbringing (my first birthday present was a beer mug, which I still have, and my dad was always a firm believer that the drinking age of 18 here is a crime against the citizens for various reasons), I happen to know a bit about alcohol, and especially beer (and brandy, but less about wine). About a year ago, I wrote an article on some lesser-known east-coast brews for Fred Hyatt's THE HOME OFFICE, reprinted last month in POLITICIAN #14, which was widely praised. I promised a follow-up article, but I'm lazy. It appears here at last. I could have covered another batch of east-coasters, but figured I'd work on the Milwaukee beers for a while first.

In general, beer which is brewed in the Beer City tastes better to me than Milwaukee-based beers brewed anywhere else, like from a plant in Texas (where several major Milwaukee beers have regional breweries). That is because in Milwaukee it is most closely supervised, and so on. Despite this, I wouldn't say that the great and best-known beers, all of which have HQ here, are the best in America. Local beers, such as Horlacher Perfection Beer of Pennsylvania, and Point Beer of Steven's Point (Wisconsin) are a good deal better. But, considering their volume, one can't detract from the big ones. In terms of barrels per day, the totals are staggering. To keep up the quality for that much, you have to be good.

Some quick reviews of the first few that come to mind:

Pabst Blue Ribbon is America's Number One beer. It's not half bad, actually, but nothing really spectacular either. Meant for quantity intake—nobody that really enjoys a good beer drinks this stuff for its taste. Weak enough for you to drink two six-packs and only get a slight buzz, if any. Eminently drinkable cold.

Pabst Special Dark is one I've only tried a few times, but was not unimpressed with. Smooth, malty taste; every time I drink it, it somehow reminds me of Oktoberfest Beer, though the two are really not that comparable. (Oktoberfest is brewed by the Hofbrauhaus in Munich).

Pabst Extra Light, also put out by Pabst Breweries, is tasteless toilet water. Pass it up. I know the Pabst family very well (all of Augie's kids went to my school, and one graduated with me; Augie Pabst is a great guy, too) and can not understand what prompts them, besides money, to put out this trash.

Andecker, also by Pabst, is a great, light beer. Slightly bitter, yet with just the right touch of... Pretty good. A party favorite.

Red, White, and Blue, likewise by Pabst, sucks worse than Extra Light. A criminal brew. You can get a six in Milwaukee for less than 90¢ if you know where to go, and it's not worth that much. (In the Beer City, US beers generally cost between \$1.10 and \$2.25 a six pack. Nothing, not imported beer or anything, will cost you over \$3 a six pack. Here in D.C. I was disgusted to find that Beck's Beer, one of my favorites, cost \$4.25 for a six pack) Thin, tasteless, weak. Not worth pissing it out.

Schlitz Beer is an average beer. Allegedly "the beer that made Milwaukee famous", that label was first going to be used by Pabst, who sold it. Some friends of mine go hog wild over it, but I don't drink it too much.

Schlitz Lite is horrible. I detest all light beers (not light beers, but those advertised as such). Screw the calories, I'd like some taste for a change.

Schlitz Malt Liquor is great, if you're into Malt Liquor. Puts Heilman's Colt 45 to shame. The Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company is to be congratulated heartily for this one.

Erlanger Beer, brewed and bottled by Schlitz, is one of my very favorite American-brewed beers. I was one of the smart people pushing the stuff avidly three years ago, before the company really took off. Thick, smooth, just the right hint of malt,

perfectly balanced taste. Goes down good. Buy it by the case--you won't be disappointed.

Old Milwaukee Beer, also by Schlitz, isn't anywhere near what the rest of Schlitz puts out. You can buy it for less than \$4 a case in Milwaukee. Guess how good it is?

Miller High Life, "The Champagne of Beers", doesn't live up to its nickname, but isn't bad either. Crisp light beer. Underestimated by many.

Miller Light sucks. Toilet water is cheaper and tastes better. Drop it.

Löwenbräu is brewed and bottled by Miller as well. Back in Germany, Löwenbräu is damn good, and was just as good when it was being imported to the States. Then Miller got its hands on it and screwed it up. It's still as good or better than many U.S. brands, but to call it a German beer is an insult to the B.R.D. ((Bundesrepublik Deutschland))

Löwenbräu Dark is marginally better than the lighter stuff. Goes down easily, smoothly. Enjoyable.

Did I forget Natural Light somewhere up on the list? You know what I think of Natural Light and other Lite beers already, so skip it.

((At this point I'd like to inject a note from Konrad that did not appear in the original review, but was in response to an inquiry of mine:))

"Blatz is one I forgot in the article--HQ is Milwaukee. I don't drink it that often, which is probably why I forgot it, but it is a good, solid brew--not bad, though I'm not overly impressed by it either."

May as well quit at this stage of the game, due mainly to space considerations. We're not even done with the big brewing concerns mentioned above, and haven't even begun looking at the many smaller local breweries emanating from Milwaukee, the suburbs, and the multitude of upstate Wisconsin breweries. To attack merely the upstaters is virtually impossible, since there are so many I can't even keep most of them in mind. For instance, even a relatively small local affair, such as the Joseph Huber Brewing Company, probably best known for Rheinlander Beer, brews four or five brands of lesser stature. It becomes more of a contest for me to keep all the beers in mind, and then trying to remember what I think of all of them. (The Monroe and Steven's Point beers are something else!)

There's only one major beer brewery that doesn't have its Headquarters in Milwaukee... the Heilman outfit, quite an outfit indeed.

Some other time maybe I'll hit imported beers, one country at a time (Norway, Denmark, Ireland, Germany, Holland, Czechoslovakia, etc, and all the joke beers--Taiwan, mainland China, New Zealand, Australia, etc--some other time.)

The research is the best part, believe me.

((I'd like to thank Konrad for permission to run this, as it is the type of feature I enjoy having to spruce this zeen up with. The review brings a couple of questions to mind though, regarding the HQ note at the end. I think Budweiser is nationally known, and it's HQ is traditionally St Louis (Anheiser Busch; Busch Gardens and all that...)) Then too, for those of you familiar with the western half of the US, Coors is fairly big, with HQ in the Denver area ("brewed with Rocky Mountain spring water"). Coors to the rest of you is perhaps better known as being the cargo Burt Reynolds was hauling from Texarkana eastwards (illegally) in "Smokey and the Bandit". I can't tell you what I think of them, because I can't drink much more than a half a glass of beer myself, and that only slowly. Beer seems too much like just sour salt water to me, but as usual, mine is a minority opinion.

Speaking of Smokey & the Bandit, we made the mistake of seeing Part II a couple of weeks back. Good thing we only paid \$1.25 each to get in; it was barely worth that. I recommend you skip it. On the other hand, "Every which way you can", the second in that Clint Eastwood series, probably is worth its fare. The comedy in the motorcycle gang goes a little too far--too overdone to really be funny--but the rest of it is passable. The dumb pale blonde is just a background piece despite the previews, so have no fear on that count. I wouldn't get excited over it by a long shot, but compared to most, it is worth seeing. Smokey II is just too dumb to waste your time on.))

J.M.

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